

INDUSTRIAL ADVISORY BOARD REPORT FOR Spring, 2007

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Background

Our name, the Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) of the Division of Polymer Chemistry (POLY), was changed from the "Industrial Sponsors Group to reflect a broadening of the scope of our activities and responsibilities.

Meeting:

The Industrial Advisory Board will meet in New Orleans at the Spring ACS Meeting on Tuesday, April 8, 2008 from 7:30 a.m. to 9:15 in the at the Hilton Riverside Hotel in the Durham Room.

Accomplishments:

At the Boston ACS Meeting the IAB continued its support of the series of symposia on "Excellence in Graduate Polymer Science Research". It is anticipated that support of this series will be continued, as well as the symposia series on undergraduate polymer science.

To provide value to our members in the form of knowledge of relevant evolving science, the Industrial Advisory Board is developing and supporting, with POLY, a series of tutorial symposia to be held in conjunction with each of the fall National ACS Meetings. In Boston, August 19-20, 2007 the "*Polymer Science of Everyday Things*" symposium focused on medical devices.

Other major activities which are currently supported by the Industrial Advisory Board, many in cooperation with PMSE via POLYED, include workshops at schools to help to introduce polymer education, the Undergraduate summer Scholarship Program, the Curriculum Development Award, tutorials, and free short courses on polymer science at national and regional meetings. The IAB is also funding the program of graduate-student travel grants to present papers on polymer science in POLY sessions at national ACS meetings, including the New Orleans meeting. This program is being administered through a committee of the POLY Member-at-Large; awards commenced with the spring, 2005 meeting in San Diego. We plan to provide for up to four travel grants of \$500 each. At the New Orleans meeting we are also supporting the undergraduate symposium as well as the symposia on "Entrepreneurship and Polymers for Energy and the Environment" and Polymers for Remediation and the Environment.

Our hallmark award, the "Industrial Polymer Scientist Award" is described below.

INDUSTRIAL POLYMER SCIENTIST AWARD

This award was initiated in 1998 to recognize industrial innovation and creativity in the application of Polymer Science, conducted by individual scientists and research teams. The award consists of a plaque and an honorarium in the amount of \$2,000. The award is usually presented at the IAB program during the fall National ACS Meeting. The recipient is expected to present an address at a symposium organized in his/her honor. Travel expenses to the symposium are paid in addition to the honorarium. The award is now given every two years. Further details can be obtained from Dr. Robert B. Moore (Tel. 540-231-0641) or Dr. Thomas Seery (860-486-1337), Co-Chairmen of the POLY Awards Committee.